

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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A GOING CONCERN.

## UNCLE SAM'S POSITION.

Our morning contemporary expresses the opinion that President Wilson's peace move will have no other effect but to eliminate this country from an influential part in peace negotiations when these are finally begun.

This same sort of reasoning was indulged in when Wilson entered upon the correspondence-school method of meeting submarine violations of international warfare. Many anti-Wilsonites argued that the United States had lost all prestige in Europe; that its voice in diplomacy would no longer be listened to; that any move we as a nation might make for peace would be ignored.

The facts as they have developed did not bear out this anti-Wilson theory. It was distinctly noticeable that when Mr. Wilson made his peace move a few days ago, the Entente Allies were terribly concerned. Did they ignore the United States and the influence it was bringing to bear for peace negotiations? Did they act as if whatever this government did was immaterial? Had the United States been eliminated as a power among the neutrals? Not on your war map. The moment this country raised its voice, that voice was recognized as the most powerful neutral force for peace. The president and his advisers have made many mistakes, but not such mistakes as to eliminate this country from a leadership of neutrals whenever it makes a vigorous move to accept the opportunity of such leadership.

The Star-Bulletin has already expressed its opinion that the Entente Allies will not yield to the only peace terms the Tentons can propose. The Entente group is in no position to quit. It has to go on fighting—for the sake of its oft-repeated ideals and for the sake of the more material advantages in possessions, trade and future national life which furnish underlying motives for the conflict.

Apparently the Entente critics of the president, including those British pastors quoted in the morning despatches, think the president has proposed peace terms. He hasn't. What he has done is to ask the combatants to state in something like specific language what they are fighting for. And the side which believes itself wholly in the right should have no hesitation meeting such a request.

For the moment, Germany is inclined to land Mr. Wilson. That is because his move is a move toward peace, and Germany plainly desires peace. Germany is aware that the position of the Central Powers now is favorable, and aware that further fighting may unfavorably alter the war-map.

It is not to the voices of the combatants that we should turn for a true interpretation of the president's message, but to the voices of the neutrals. They appear to be voting with Uncle Sam.

The Aero Club of Hawaii and the aviation enthusiasm displayed generally here are to be rewarded. Information from Washington is that the first squadron of flyers under the new army defense plan will be established on Oahu.

Now that President Wilson has made a move for early peace, George Sylvester Viereck's "Fatherland" will calm down a bit in its editorial fulminations.

Admiral George Dewey, to whom notable honor was done by America on his birthday yesterday, was not the author of the phrase "too proud to fight."

Is the use of slang by teachers in the schools indicative of the spreading revolt against "dead" languages?—Philadelphia Ledger.

Railroads of the United States in 1916 earned over a billion net. No wonder they view the prospect with gloomy eye.

The status quo is being maintained so successfully in Mexico that Villa is licking the Carranzistas from town to town.

"Uncle Sam Faces Deficit Next Year," says a headline. And as usual, there is a perfect excuse.

Up to date Rumania hasn't outlined her terms of peace.

Carranza has been given another ultimatum.

## LILLIS' WARNING WORKS WONDERS

A little Star-Bulletin publicity yesterday in the nature of a warning to those without proper licenses operating autos in Honolulu evidently had the desired effect for the telephone in Chauffeur Examiner "Bob" Lillis' office was busy all morning.

Although Lillis' statement that in the next few days everyone without licenses would be arrested was published only yesterday at least 15 or 20 called up, anxious to make dates at once with the chauffeur examiner for the customary examination which everyone must pass before official permission to drive in Honolulu is given.

"Many who are now driving without licenses," says Lillis, "are those who have taken my examination and failed. My test is not at all hard and

## SPANISH AND PORTO RICANS OF CITY TO GET FREE DINNERS

A special program has been arranged for Thursday evening, December 28, at the Gospel mission for the Spanish, Porto Ricans and Russians of the city, who have been somewhat neglected, except for the generosity of the Salvation Army in giving them Christmas dinners. Through gifts to the Gospel mission more than 100 New Year dinners will be given to the poor of this class. The work of the mission has grown considerably among the Spanish and Porto Ricans, who have shown a remarkable interest in coming to meetings.

anyone who can not pass it has no right to be operating an auto. By doing so they are endangering the lives of others as well as themselves.

The Japanese bicycle dealers' association will hold a New Year's bicycle race for all nationalities at Athletic park January 7.

Making good citizens is as important a work as making raw sugar or canned pineapples, isn't it?

Recently the leading sugar men of the territory met in a four-day session here, closing with a field survey of Holt caterpillar tractors, Spalding deep-filling plows, H-109 cane and other things devoted to making sugar.

We desire, in like manner, though without a trip, to take Star-Bulletin readers, for a brief survey of an institution devoted to making citizens—the Boys' Clubs of Honolulu.

In 1914 the boys' clubs were, so to speak, all in short trousers. They had just started swinging along. The four then existing clubs had a membership of 120, with an average monthly attendance of 550 and number of meetings 30.

Two years later—now—there are 12 clubs. The membership is just under 500—490, to be exact—the average monthly attendance is 3000, not counting visitors (and there are a lot of visitors.) The number of meetings a month is 110.

Now for just a rapid-fire glance at some of their activities:

Kaulawela clubhouse, 29 by 49 feet, has had to grow to take care of its lusty, healthy, ambitious youngsters. It has been rebuilt and is 46 by 66 feet.

The new Kakaako clubhouse, home of the Kakaako Mission club, the Kakaako boys' club, the Star-Bulletin club and the Nuuanu boys' club is 85 by 55 feet, with hanging galleries on both sides, thus adding to the floor space.

Samuel W. Robley is boys' work secretary of the Y. M. C. A. There are three assistants to look after the young citizens—John Gomes, at Kakaako; H. Alexander, responsible for Manoa and also relieving Mr. Robley at Kaimuki. James Kanamul is the leader at Kaulawela, and "Big Jim" with a disposition like the morning sunshine, is a valuable asset also in the work at Camp No. 2.

Yes, Surprised Reader, the boys' club idea is taking hold at Camp 2. That tenement-settlement district, famous in police and vice annals, is being regenerated. The boys' clubwork there is a big factor in it.

At the Boys' Industrial school, there is a special line of work. "Sam" Robley, that human dynamo, goes out to Waialea once a week, leaving Honolulu on Wednesday at noon and returning the following morning. Superintendent Frederick Anderson, Juvenile Judge Whitney and others personally interested in the work at the school are emphatic in their praise of the results accomplished there by Mr. Robley since he began last January.

The physical program of the boys' club is a story of success after success. The men in charge have got a grip on the young citizens—the grip of faith and boyish liking, the grip of wholesome play, clean sport. During the coming year emphasis will be placed on the mental development of the boys, and this feature will be under the direction of the executive committee.

Speaking of "Sam" Robley, the editor of the Star-Bulletin asked him the other day to say why he believes in boys' club work. Anyone who knows Robley knows that he'd pick up a challenge like that in a minute, and he came back with the following:

"If you want to keep the boy at home, make the home attractive.  
"If you want to keep the boy in your club after he joins, make the program attractive and beneficial, and he is yours to the finish.  
"When he is right fight for him, if necessary. When he is wrong reason with him; if necessary, do the reasoning in the back room. If he goes back on you, tell him first before you tell anyone else, and he will think more of you and do more for you.  
"It's great work and the only come back is that fellows in it seem to get younger as the months fly by!"

The reason why this editorial is written is not merely to tell what the boys' clubs are doing, though the Star-Bulletin is very glad indeed to do that. It is also to say that the big, fine, forward-looking program which has been outlined for next year calls for a budget of \$5000. Mr. Robley already has raised almost \$4000. He is determined to finish the \$5000 before the first of January.

Is Honolulu with him? Is Honolulu with the men and women who already have backed the boys' clubs generously? Needless question! The first of January ought to see Robley, his smile twice as wide as usual, with his budget oversubscribed a thousand or so. We'll guarantee the surplus will be well spent.

## PLAN AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

A referendum on the proposal to amend the federal constitution to permit the president to veto separate items or provisions in appropriation bills has been received by Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, from the national chamber and will be presented to the members of this chamber for action at the next meeting.

According to Brown, the reason for the amendment is to allow the president to veto riders which are often attached to appropriation bills. By this means also objectionable features of a bill may be omitted.

Several prominent Japanese have been invited to a New Year's party December 29 at the official residence of Elve Consul Fujii.

## HOLD RECEPTION NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Members of the Y. M. C. A. are making extensive plans for the New Year's program at the association. Open house has been declared for New Year's Night, and ladies have been especially invited to be present. A number of events have been listed on the evening's program.

Beginning at 5:30 a special dinner and concert will be given in the cafeteria, lasting until 7:30. Following this the president's reception will be held between the hours of 8 and 8:30. At that time Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atherton, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Larimer and members of the board of directors and their wives will receive.

Beginning at 8:15 the Reds, champions of Hawaii, will meet the All-Stars in a basketball game in the games hall. This will be followed by a gymnastic exhibition. A musical program has been outlined which will consist of numbers by the Castner quartet, the Y. M. C. A. orchestra, the Apollo Club, and solos by Prof. J. Wanell. A special act entitled "The Wireless Telephone," will be given. Guests will be given the opportunity to indulge in the various games during the evening.

The following committees will have charge of the program:

Officers and directors of the Honolulu Young Men's Christian Association—Frank C. Atherton, president; W. G. Hall, vice-president; R. A. Cooke, treasurer; Robert Anderson, recording secretary; H. G. Dillingham, C. H. Atherton, James Wakefield, Ed. Towse, C. B. Ripley, R. B. Anderson, W. A. Love, Geo. C. Potter, Judge Chas. F. Clemons, R. H. Trent.

The trustees—Frank C. Atherton, B. F. Dillingham, H. M. von Holt, C. H. Cooke, F. J. Lowrey, Arthur E. Larimer, executive secretary; Jay A. Urice, associate executive secretary. President's reception committee—J. P. Morgan, chairman; E. T. Chase, A. H. Tarterton, George Bennett, George Raymond, J. Brooks Brown, C. E. King, M. O. Johnson, George Cornes, Roy Blackshear, R. R. McElowney, A. R. Robertson, Henry Bredhoff, P. H. Nettage, William Melnecke, Ralph Gaylord, Harry Decker, Richard Whitcomb, secretary.

## SON OF LAYSAN KING SHIPS BEFORE MAST

Following in the footsteps of his adventurous father, known throughout Hawaii as the "King of Laysan," Eric Laysan Schlemmer, still in his teens has "shipped before the mast" as an apprentice on the American ship John Ena and will leave Honolulu where the vessel slips out of the harbor December 30.

Young Schlemmer has applied to the federal court for a passport which will insure his safe conduct into Canada and Australia. The petition says that he intends to be absent from Hawaii for at least six months.

## WAR SURVIVORS ARE ON STEAMER

Bullet scarred and with their strength not yet fully recovered, two survivors of the disastrous Dardanelles campaign are on board the Canadian-Australasian liner Niagara today, returning to Australia.

They are W. H. Radd, a survivor of Gallipoli, and J. McKay, whose wife is with him. She traveled from Sydney to London to see him die, as he was desperately ill and given up as hopeless in an English war hospital. McKay recovered. Although he is six feet two, he weighs today only 198 pounds.

Rudd was one of the Australian volunteers at the first landing at Gallipoli. He is only 21 years old now, the son of a millionaire rancher of Darling Downs, South Queensland. He is paralyzed now in the right shoulder from two bullet wounds.

McKay has a ranch at the head of Manning River, New South Wales, so large he can ride 160 miles in a straight line and not leave his own land. He was also wounded at Gallipoli.

## VARMINTS OF 57 KINDS ON LINER

With every kind of animal on the boat deck from a two-pound monkey, parrots, gray squirrels and little alligators, to a gigantic grizzly, polar bears, big elk and a very rare Mongolian wild horse of a species not discovered until 1899, Ellis S. Joseph beamed down from the top of the Niagara this morning and inquired how his former pet, Daisy, the municipal elephant, is doing. Ben Hollinger replied that her ladyship's health is excellent and that she would be pleased to wrap her trunk around Joseph and eat peanuts out of his hand once more.

Joseph is taking a big collection of wild animals and birds from the four corners of the earth to Australia. The boat deck is all cluttered up with nearly half of the kinds of animals Noah led into the ark and they all seem fond of their master.

Three of Joseph's "family" died on the boat, two elk and a buffalo, but there are enough left to stock a menagerie or supply a circus. He sold quite a few today to Honolulu buyers and is taking the rest to Australia.

## CITY BUSINESS AND SUPERVISORS' NOTES

The next meeting of the board of supervisors will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Engineer Whitehouse was given a 30-day extension on the Seaview frontage improvement district because

## Announcement

The Governor of Hawaii will hold a Public Reception on New Year's Day, January first, at his home, corner of Lunalilo and Hackfeld Streets, from half-past two o'clock to half-past five o'clock. A sincere invitation is extended to the public and visiting strangers.

No cards.

of the inclement weather which has delayed the work.

The opinion of A. M. Cristy, deputy city attorney, that the Territorial Hotel Company has no right to construct a conduit across Kalakaua avenue, was referred to the water and sewer committee.

The board voted to order 400 tons of asphalt from the Standard Oil Company for 1917 delivery in order to avoid paying rapidly increasing prices next year. By this method the city is expected to save several thousand dollars.

The water department was sharply criticized Tuesday evening by the board because it continually tore up

the streets and dug trenches across them and did not report to the road department to have the roads repaired. Larsen, chairman, promised to take the matter up.

Deputy Sheriff Plemer of Waialua has reported finding the body of a Chinese hanging in a tree in a lonely ravine near the Pakolai ranch. It was apparently a suicide and had been there some time.

J. G. J. Cameron, clerk at the Honolulu Iron Works, was adjudicated a bankrupt in federal court today. According to his petition his liabilities amount to \$698.55 and his assets to \$2.

## An Under-Sea Wonderland

is the marine garden at Haleiwa. Clearly and comfortably seen from the twin-engine, glass bottom boat "Santa Catalina," at Haleiwa Hotel. Everyone enthusiastic who sees it. Also bathing, boating, golf and tennis.

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## Kahala Beach Leasehold

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